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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 7

The following is the status of significant military installations in Cuba based on a preliminary analysis of aerial photography from [REDACTED] and BRASS KNOB Missions flown on [REDACTED]

1. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

Nine aircraft observed, including 5 probably completed BEAGLE (IL-28), one completed MASCOT, one completed probable MASCOT, and 2 BEAGLE with tails assembled. Frame supports are being erected next to one of the latter BEAGLE, for use in assembling wings.

Twenty-four BEAGLE fuselage crates, 4 more than were observed on [REDACTED] aerial photography, are scattered throughout the airfield area. A crane is working with one of the 4 new crates, and a lowboy trailer and crane are parked nearby. (Note: 4 BEAGLE fuselage crates and 4 wing crates were observed at a transshipment point at Mendoza 0 Isabel Rubio on aerial photography of [REDACTED] /see NPIC/R-1053/62, IPIR, [REDACTED]. The crates were not apparent at the transshipment point on aerial photography of [REDACTED] /see NPIC/R-1060/62, IPIR, BRASS KNOB [REDACTED]. Mendoza 0 Isabel Rubio is 3.5 nm NE of San Julian Airfield.)

A FLAT FACE radar, canvas-covered except for antenna, is also visible at the airfield.

2. CASILDA PORT

A freighter, probably the [REDACTED] which on [REDACTED] was observed in port with 6 missile transporters on deck, has departed. A large unidentified freighter is now berthed on the west side of the quay. Eight missile erectors are now visible in the port area, whereas only 4 were observed on [REDACTED]. No missile transporters are evident.

In addition to the large freighter, other vessels in port include one floating crane with a tracked prime mover on deck, one large barge, and numerous small craft.

The following vehicles and pieces of equipment are in the port area: On the deck of the large freighter -- one missile erector with prime mover; in a hold of the large freighter -- one fuel trailer, one possible fuel trailer, one generator/compressor, one unidentified vehicle/piece of equipment, and one large crate; on the quay -- 3 missile erectors with launch stands and prime movers, one fuel trailer, 6 trucks, 2 generators/compressors, and 2 small utility trucks; in the area east of

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the quay -- 4 missile erectors with launch stands and prime movers, 31 trucks, 18 vans, 2 oxidizer trailers, one fuel trailer, 2 tank trucks, 2 truck shovels, 2 truck cranes, six 4-wheel trailers, 23 cylindrical tanks, 2 graders, and one unidentified piece of construction equipment.

3. LA ISABELA PORT

The 2 freighters previously observed on [REDACTED] photography are still berthed in the same positions, and are now identified as the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]. Other vessels noted in port include one CAMAGUEY-Class coast guard cutter, one small naval auxiliary craft, 14 barges, 4 tugs, 2 floating cranes, and numerous small craft.

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Two graders, one truck-mounted crane, 7 vans, and 6 trucks are on the deck of the [REDACTED] and 4 tracked prime movers are visible in a hold. Four truck-mounted cranes and 5 vans are on the deck of the [REDACTED] and 4 vans are visible in a hold.

Six vans, 2 trucks, and one van body are on the docks at La Isabela. Other items in the port area include 22 vans, 7 trucks, 2 small utility trucks, 3 truck-mounted cranes, one tank truck, and one canvas-covered probable crane.

4. PROBABLE MISSILE STORAGE AREAS FOR KOMAR-CLASS PGMG

Storage areas, probably for missiles used on KOMAR-Class PGMG's, have been identified at Mariel Naval Air Station (on [REDACTED] photography) and at Banos Area Naval Base (on [REDACTED] photography). KOMAR-Class PGMG's are stationed at both locations.

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The identification as probable missile storage areas is based on the presence of KOMAR-Class PGMG's at both areas, similar if not identical crates, facilities suitable for checkout, a storage bunker at one location and probable construction of a bunker at the other, presence of cranes, and both areas fenced within already secure installations.

Both areas are fenced, and contain crates identical in appearance. Preliminary dimensions are [REDACTED] for the crates at Banos and [REDACTED] for the crates at Mariel. The crates resemble aircraft shipping crates, but differ in some aspects from any identified thus far.

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The area at Banos contains one completed drive-in bunker and one tent [REDACTED] which is possibly drive-through. No bunker has been identified at Mariel, but excavations are being made at the west end of the runway for what could be an underground storage bunker. One of the aircraft hangars at the Mariel Naval Air Station is within the fenced area, and could serve the same function as the tent at Banos.

Two motorized cranes were within the fenced area at Banos on [REDACTED] and one is within the fenced area at Mariel on [REDACTED]. Another crane was parked just outside the fence at Mariel.

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Four KOMAR-Class PGMG's and 11 crates were observed at Banos on

Eight KOMAR-Class PGMG's and 14 crates are at Mariel on

5. HOLGUIN AIRFIELD

Aircraft include 7 FAGOT and one unidentified. The 9 BEAGLE fuselage crates remain on the parking apron, as do the 35-40 other crates. One truck-mounted crane is parked nearby. Although a number of people are visible on the parking apron, there is no evidence that the crates are being unpacked. There were 4 FAGOT present on The crate count remains unchanged.

6. CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD

Three FAGOT aircraft observed. This is the first identification of FAGOT at this airfield.

7. MARIEL AREA, VESSELS UNDERWAY

Two freighters observed at sea off the entrance to Mariel Harbor and heading in an easterly direction. One of the freighters, probably the has a deck cargo of 2 missile transporters, and is escorted by a PF and a PC. Another PF and 2 PC's are lying-to dead ahead.

The other freighter is approximately 5-10 miles to the east, and has 3 missile transporters on deck.

8. MARIEL NAVAL PORT

Incomplete coverage of Mariel Port Facilities reveals the following: Port area at La Boca contains the same 2 freighters, (the probable). Aboard the probable 3 dump trucks are visible at the top level of the No 2 hold, 2 oxidizer trailers are visible in the No 3 hold and 2 missile transporters are on deck. There is no deck cargo onboard the probable but unidentified equipment is visible in the No 2 hold. The following equipment is located within the fenced portion of the port area (The equipment count as seen on is given in parentheses): one missile transporter (0), 2 oxidizer tank trailers (6), 17 erectors - 12 with launch stands (same), 3 tracked prime movers (3), 20 trucks (15), 19 vans (7), 4 cranes (1), 8 truck cranes (2), 4 dump trucks (21), 4 launch stands (4), 2 canvas-covered probable cranes (2), and 4 large van trailers (0).

There are no cargo ships present at the port at Mariel City. One motor torpedo boat and one unidentified canvas-covered small motor ship are at the pier. The following equipment was identified at the Mariel City Port Facility: 4 probable IRBM propellant trailers (4), 31 oxidizer trailers (23), 10 fuel tank trailers (10), 9 trucks (3), 3 vans (10), 2 lowboy trailers (2), 9 tracked prime movers (5), approximately 30 concrete arches (same), approximately 20 square concrete conduit sections

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(same), 20 cable spools (same), 4 truck-mounted cranes (0), and 2 flatbed trucks (0). The 2 missile transporters identified on 6 Nov at Mariel City Port Facility are not present on this coverage.

There are no other cargo ships in Mariel Harbor. At other piers in the harbor are docked 2 PT boats, 2 ANTONIO MACEO-Class PF and 8 KOMAR-Class PGMG. Approximately 50 precast concrete square sections, similar to those observed at IRBM sites, are located along the highway leading south from Mariel City. These were not present on [REDACTED] Located in this vicinity are 2 tents and 6 van trucks.

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9. No Readout Available On The Following Installations As Of 0500 Hours:

CAMAGUAY AIRFIELD
HAVANA PORT
SANTA CLARA AIRFIELD

STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

The following is the status of the PI readout on missions flown on [REDACTED]. The figure 95 in the % PI Completed column denotes that the PI scan has been completed but that all information has not been processed by the coordinator.

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